

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL TEACHER AWARD
Dhurve Jyoti

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria followed for selection of teachers for grant of National Teacher Award on the 5th September, every year;
- (b) the number of teachers awarded National Teacher Award every year;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to give out-of-turn promotion to the award winning teachers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the facility or the incentive being granted to award winning teachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): The eligible criteria for selection of teachers for grant of National Teacher Award is as follows :

Classroom teachers with at least 15 years of regular teaching experience and Headmaster/Principals with 20 years of regular teaching experience and who are actually working as teachers/Headmasters/Principals in recognized primary/middle/high/higher secondary schools only are considered for the National Awards. For teachers promoting integrated inclusive education the eligibility stands reduced to 10 years and for Headmasters to 15 years if they are to be considered for awards in respect of Inclusive Education.

(b): The total number of teachers to be conferred the National Award to Teachers every year is 374 with effect from 2007. However, the actual number of teachers awarded in any year depends on the recommendations received from the concerned State Government/UTs/Organisations.

(c): There is no such proposal with the Central Government.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Each awardee teacher is entitled to award amount of Rs. 25,000/-, a silver medal and a certificate of merit. In addition, the awardee teachers are also entitled to 50 % concession in the second class while traveling by rail. They are also eligible to receive travel grant for self and spouse to travel anywhere in India once in 5 years under the Scheme of National Foundation of Teachers Welfare.